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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%

For the week ending May 24, 2008, growers placed 11.7 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.7 million) decreased 0.3% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, a decrease of 2.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending May 17, 2008 compared to 11.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/29/2008	14,291	14,274	11,641	11,761	11,744	11,976
04/05/2008	14,380	14,459	11,647	12,097	11,840	12,396
04/12/2008	14,499	14,077	11,715	11,882	11,948	12,099
04/19/2008	14,273	14,115	11,804	11,949	12,133	12,141
04/26/2008	14,250	13,214	11,823	11,959	12,015	12,068
05/03/2008	14,143	13,800	12,029	11,784	12,121	11,987
05/10/2008	14,207	13,824	11,870	11,883	12,018	12,327
* 05/17/2008	14,146	14,077	11,866	11,156	12,000	11,202
05/24/2008	14,121	13,758	11,694	11,658	11,795	11,718

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	05/31/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.73	77.95	78.78	82.76
12-City Composite 2/	82.53	80.78	78.37	82.87

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,966	32,212	31,637	31,858	32,089	31,900
AR	26,532	27,071	27,317	26,611	27,150	27,244
DE	3,942	3,721	3,721	3,718	*3,728	3,717
FL	1,327	1,331	1,346	1,336	1,331	1,336
GA	34,651	33,997	34,630	34,053	34,854	34,500
KY	*7,922	7,255	*8,089	8,124	8,125	8,110
LA	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,650	3,682
MD	8,995	8,223	8,812	8,840	*8,796	8,771
MS	18,877	18,999	18,266	18,893	19,060	18,948
NC	19,533	19,475	*19,314	19,631	19,711	19,815
OK	6,578	6,353	6,655	6,782	6,859	6,761
PA	4,400	4,193	*4,231	*4,442	*4,345	4,334
SC	5,554	5,420	5,371	5,491	5,718	5,556
TX	15,076	15,346	14,656	14,846	15,477	15,495
VA	5,791	6,211	*6,444	5,939	*6,429	6,257
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,966	19,700	19,641	19,640	20,205	20,027
19 State Total	*214,822	213,219	*213,842	*213,916	*217,527	216,453
Previous Year Total	220,515	218,515	218,353	219,938	219,928	219,527
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	98	97	99	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 24, 2008. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 19 2008	Apr 26 2008	May 3 2008	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,674	20,738	21,475	21,111	21,200	21,743
AR	22,047	23,316	23,873	22,589	*22,853	24,833
DE	4,867	4,584	4,851	5,746	*4,321	4,949
FL	1,191	1,255	1,145	1,271	1,138	1,136
GA	28,784	29,038	27,781	28,571	28,094	29,100
KY	6,467	6,793	6,730	*6,246	5,434	6,197
LA	3,607	3,344	3,784	3,147	3,634	3,474
MD	6,590	7,121	6,258	6,021	*5,712	6,008
MS	17,291	17,359	17,060	17,145	17,383	16,556
NC	15,649	16,128	16,510	16,014	16,120	16,089
OK	4,964	5,213	4,447	5,430	*5,136	3,882
PA	3,277	3,254	*3,234	*3,254	*3,298	3,250
SC	4,418	4,434	5,151	4,812	4,997	4,618
TX	13,108	12,730	13,324	12,709	12,859	12,535
VA	5,021	4,767	*4,948	4,077	*5,113	4,976
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,201	18,143	17,050	18,442	18,014	17,229
19 State Total	177,156	178,217	*177,621	*176,585	*175,306	176,575
Previous Year Total	177,686	180,188	180,084	180,594	178,545	179,069
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	99	98	98	99

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 24, 2008. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through May 24, 2008 were 3.74 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.